

Senate File 2143 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to an explanation of benefits for the medical
2 assistance program.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS — MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
2 PROGRAM. The department of human services shall develop and
3 utilize an explanation of benefits to be provided to recipients
4 of the medical assistance program. The purposes of providing
5 the explanation of benefits are to inform recipients of the
6 medical assistance program services for which the department
7 is billed on their behalf, to assist the department in
8 tracking any services incorrectly recorded or not received,
9 and to provide the department with a mechanism of identifying
10 providers, provider groups, and geographic areas for evaluation
11 of care and treatment patterns. The explanation of benefits
12 shall at a minimum provide a recipient with information
13 including the name of the provider, type of service, date of
14 service, and amount paid by the medical assistance program.
15 The explanation of benefits shall also provide a means for the
16 recipient to contact the department regarding any errors in the
17 explanation of benefits.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill directs the department of human services (DHS)
20 to develop and utilize explanations of benefits (EOB) to be
21 provided to recipients of the medical assistance program. The
22 bill provides that the purposes of the EOBs are to inform
23 recipients of the Medicaid programs services for which DHS
24 is billed on their behalf, to assist DHS in tracking any
25 services incorrectly recorded or not received, and to provide
26 DHS with a mechanism to identify providers, provider groups,
27 and geographic areas for evaluation of care and treatment
28 patterns. The EOBs are to include, at a minimum, the name of
29 the provider, type of service, date of service, and amount paid
30 by the Medicaid program. The EOB is also to provide a means for
31 the recipient to contact DHS regarding any errors in the EOB.